

JUNE 16, 2026

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., at the Trail Creek Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana. Mr. Schacht, Council President led the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Ms. Janes to approve the meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Saenz. Motion unanimously carried.

Approval of Fund Report: Clerk Treasurer, Crystal Frever provided copies of the Fund Report for May 2026. A motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to approve the fund report; the motion was seconded by Mr. Vedo. Motion was unanimously carried.

Approval of Claims: Clerk Treasurer, Crystal Frever provided copies of the bills to the council for May 15, 2026 – June 14, 2026, in the amount of \$1,133,474.11 (ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND ELEVEN CENTS).

A motion was made by Mrs. Saenz to approve the bills as presented; the motion was seconded by Mr. Vedo. Motion unanimously carried.

Correspondence: No Correspondence presented

MS4: No Report

Attorney: Attorney Christopher Willoughby not in attendance. Jack Walton in attendance.

- **Harding Property:** The nonprofit organization and its attorney continue working to resolve tax sale issues. If sufficient progress is not made within 30 days, the Town may proceed with citations or condemnation.
- **1929 East Coolspring Avenue:** Citations have previously been issued. Contact has been made with the trust attorney, and enforcement will proceed if no response is received.
- **Mary Fox Property:** No updates at this time.
- **Former FOP (Logan) Property:** Business activity continues without proper permits. A variance application has been filed, and a meeting should be coordinated.
- **Package Liquor License:** Attorney Willoughby successfully protested the proposed liquor license before the local Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. The matter will next be heard before the State ATC Board in July. Council members expressed interest in attending the state hearing in opposition to the issuance of a second package liquor license in Trail Creek.
- **Haas & Associates Invoice:** Attorney recommended authorizing payment if the invoice is determined to be valid after additional review. The Council elected to continue reviewing the matter.

Engineer: No engineering representative was present.

Park Board: Park Board President Katrina Vedo not in attendance. Mrs. Saenz reported:

- Ribbon cutting for the new Nelson Park playground is scheduled for July 25, 11am
- Thirty-seven vendors have registered for the Fall Festival.
- The new child swing has been installed and has received positive feedback.

Building Inspector: Steve Thomas in attendance. No additional report was presented beyond matters already discussed.

Planning/Zoning: No Report

Police: Marshal Dick in attendance.

- Citations previously issued for 1929 East Coolspring remain active.
- The recent St. Stan's 5K event was completed without incident.
- Presented recommendations for revising the Town's truck ordinance to improve enforcement of commercial truck traffic through town.
- Discussed relocating and improving "No Truck" signage at key intersections.
- Requested legal review of the ordinance to prohibit or better regulate commercial truck traffic while allowing local deliveries.
- Recommended revisions to the Town's parking on grass ordinance to address corner lots and improve enforceability.
- Reported that signage for the Police Department building has been ordered and installation is progressing.

Council directed legal counsel to prepare recommendations for revised ordinances regarding truck traffic and parking regulations.

Street Department: Street Commissioner, Dave Baker in attendance.

- Storm debris collection is nearly completed following recent storms.
- Residents have been placing non-storm debris at the curb; only debris related to the recent storm event is eligible for pickup.
- Staff requested better communication regarding future storm cleanup announcements so information can also be posted on the Town website.
- New tires were installed on Unit 34, resulting in cost savings.
- Council discussed obtaining engineering estimates for cleaning the drainage ditch behind Evergreen and reviewing potential CCMG projects for the upcoming funding cycle.

NIRPC: No Report

Old Business:

Haas & Associates Invoice

The Council discussed the disputed invoice related to the completed CCMG project. Questions remained regarding whether engineering services were required for warranty work after the project had already been closed out. A motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to table Haas & Associates Invoice. Motion was seconded by Mr. Vedo. Motion carried.

New Business:

Borden Waste Collection

The Clerk-Treasurer addressed the recent missed refuse collection.

Discussion included:

- Borden was unable to collect refuse because its Elkhart operations were impacted by tornado damage.
- The Town shared information as quickly as it became available.
- Comments on the Town's Facebook page were disabled due to abusive and disrespectful behavior directed toward staff.
- Borden has agreed to collect any additional bagged refuse placed out during the next scheduled pickup.
- Council encouraged residents to be understanding, noting this was an extraordinary event affecting multiple communities.

Public Comment: Venise Pedzinski 207 Cardinal Drive addressed the Council regarding communication surrounding the missed trash pickup, possible reimbursement, and consideration of alternate waste providers.

The Council explained:

- The delay resulted from a natural disaster affecting Borden's operations.
- The Town was not responsible for the service interruption.
- The refuse contract includes provisions related to acts of God.
- Residents may request the Town explore concerns with Borden regarding communication.

Clerk Comment: No additional comments

Council Comment: Council members reminded residents to:

- Remain weather aware during upcoming storms.
- Be courteous and respectful toward neighbors and Town employees.

Adjourn: With no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Pizarek to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm, the motion was seconded by Ms. Janes. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTE APPROVED JULY 21, 2026 - JUNE 2026 MINUTES

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Warren Schacht
Council President

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Peter Pizarek
Council Vice President

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Laura Saenz
Council Member

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Brian Vedo
Council Member

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Andrea Janes
Council Member

ATTEST:

X

Crystal Frever
Clerk-Treasurer